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SUBJECT: TURKISH CHARGE'S VIEWS ON SITUATION IN CYPRUS

SUMMARY: TURKISH CHARGE INFORMED AMBASSADOR JULY 17 THAT CONTINUANCE IN POWER OF GOVT OF NICOS SAMPSON UNACCEPTABLE TO TURKEY, THAT PREVIOUS DE FACTO RELATIONS WITH STATE OF CYPRUS DESTROYED WITH DESTRUCTION GOVT OF CYPRUS BY FORCE EXTERNAL TO ISLAND AND IMPOSITION A GROUP KNOWN FOR SUBSERVIENT TO THAT FORCE, THAT AGREED BASIS FOR CYPRUS' STATUS HAD BEEN DESTROYED AND TURKEY WOULD HAVE TO REACT UNLESS THROUGH OUTSIDE INTERVENTION SITUATION COMPATIBLE WITH BASIC AGREEMENTS RESTORED. HE EXPRESSED DIS-SATISFACTION WITH UK POSITION AS DELIVERED BY BRITISH HICOMER WHICH HE INTERPRETED AS TREND TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGES

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BROUGHT BY CPDP. END SUMMARY

1. AMB MADE FIRST CALL ON TURKISH CHARGE AMB. INHAN MORNING JULY 17. INHAN SAID TURKISH COMMUNITY HAD SHOWN GREAT RESTRAINT, ALTHOUGH SIX OR SEVEN HAD BEEN INJURED BY FIRING FROM GREEK SECTOR AND GREEKS HAD FIRED "MEASURING ROUNDS" INTO TURKISH CONTINGENT AREA. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NICOS SAMPSON GOVT HOWEVER HAD CREATED GREATEST SENSE OF UNEASE AMONG TURK CYPRIOTS WHO FAMILIAR WITH BACKGROUND OF THOSE IN GOVT.

2. HE HAD JUST EMERGED FROM 1 1/2 HOUR DISCUSSION WITH BRITISH HICOMER OLVER. IT WAS APPARENT THAT UK HAD AGREED TO CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS GOVT ONLY RELUCTANTLY AND HE THOUGH WERE INCLINED TO ACCEPT THE SITUATION AS IT WAS EVOLVING ON CYPRUS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF CALLAHAN STATEMENT MONITORED FROM BBC WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE CALLED ON GREEKS TO REMOVE THEIR OFFICERS AND REPLACE THEM WITH SAME NUMBER. HE WAS SEEKING CLARIFICATION THIS POINT.

3. INHAN LIKENED PRESENT SITUATION TO THAT OF 1967-68 WHEN TURKS WOULD HAVE HAD TO MOVE IF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION HAD NOT RESULTED IN REDUCTION OF GREEK ILLEGALS FROM LEVEL OF OVER 30,000 TO AGREED LEVEL. NOW, ALTHOUGH NUMBER OF GREEK OFFICERS PROBABLY AROUND 1,000 SITUATION MUCH THE SAME BECAUSE AFTER CLAIMING DEATH OF MAKARIOS THESE HAD USED NATIONAL GUARD TO ESTABLISH A GROUP KNOWN FOR LOYALTY TO ATHENS. THIS GOVT COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO TURKEY, AND TURKS WOULD BE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THEIR ALLIES AND OTHERS TO SEEK TO AVOID RECOGNITION BY THEM OF THIS ILLEGITIMATE REGIME. TURKEY HAD PREVIOUSLY HAD DE FACTO RELATIONS WITH THE CYPRUS STATE. DESTRUCTION OF THIS STATE DESTROYED ALSO SITUATION STEMMING FROM THE BASIC AGREEMENTS TO WHICH GREECE, TURKEY, BRITAIN AND CYPRUS SIGNATORY. UNLESS OUTSIDE INFLUENCES COULD RESTORE THE SITUATION AGREED TO, TURKEY WOULD HAVE TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND WOULD EVEN IF OTHERS DID NOT.

4. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT USING CHANNEL OF DIMIS DIMITRIOU WHO KNOWN TO EMBASSY, NEW GROUP HAD SOUGHT TO REASSURE US OF ITS DEDICATION TO CONTINUED POLICY OF FULL INDEPENDENCE, CONTINUANCE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AND SUPPORT OF WESTERN INTERESTS. IN ESSENCE, INHAD REPLIED THAT WHAT THE GROUP

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STOOD FOR SPOKE LOUDER THAN THEIR WORDS. INSOFAR AS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WENT, HE UNDERSTOOD GLAFKOS CHRIDES HAD REFUSED

ABSOLUTELY TO REPRESENT SAMPSON GROUP (THIS MAY BE WRONG -- SEE SEPTTEL) AND DENKTASH WOULD NOT ACCEPT DEALINGS WITH ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF NICOS SAMPSON.

5. AMB SAID U.S. INTEREST IN AVOIDING FURTHER CONFLICT ON

CYPRUS AND IN AREA WAS GREAT. AS HE AWARE, WE HAD UNDERLINED OUR SUPPORT FOR SINGLE, SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT CYPRUS. OUR PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE IS TO PREVENT THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN OUR TWO VALUED NATO ALLIES WHICH COULD AFFECT STABILITY IN THE WHOLE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION AND GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIET EXPLOITATION. INHAN SAID U.S. POSITION WAS WELCOMED BY TURKEY BUT THAT IT WAS STATED AS PRINCIPLES, WHEREAS PROBLEM WAS THAT OF THE CHANGED STATUS ON CYPRUS. HE COULD NOT ACCEPT AMBASSADOR'S STRESS ON PEACEFUL SOLUTION SINCE PEACE WAS NOT DESIRABLE END IN ITSELF IF IT INVOLVED SACRIFICE OF MORAL PRINCIPLE AND NATIONAL INTEREST. AMBASSADOR REJOINED THAT U.S. OPPOSED VIOLENCE WHICH LAID BASIS FOR FURTHER VIOLENCE AND PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHERS TO EXPLOIT. IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCE, VARIOUS FORA INCLUDING NATO, GUARANTOR POWERS CONSULTATIONS, SECURITY COUNCIL AND BILATERAL EFFORTS WITH TURKEY'S ALLIES PROVIDED ALTERNATIVES WHICH MUST BE FULLY EXPLORED. INHAN AGREED BUT SAID THAT SINCE AMBASSADOR RECOGNIZED THAT VIOLENCE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED TO CHANGE SITUATION THERE HAD TO BE RECTIFICATION THROUGH THESE EXTERNAL EFFORTS OR TURKEY WOULD HAVE TO MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. HE SAID PRIME MINISTER HAD TO TELL PARLIAMENT JULY 18 OF GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS.

6. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT GOVT OF TURKEY AND USG IN CLOSEST CONSULTATION IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND ANKARA AND IT WAS THERE THAT BASIC UNDERSTANDINGS WOULD BE WORKED OUT. FROM LONG INTEREST INBROADER AREA HOWEVER HE HOPED THAT ALL INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY OUR ALLIES, WOULD CONCERT TO PREVENT FURTHER VIOLENCE WHICH COULD ONLY THREATEN INTERESTS OF US ALL.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOTED INHAN HAS TAKEN IN-
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CREASINGLY HARD LINE POSITIONS AT HIS MONTHS ON CYPRUS HAVE PASSFD, BUT ABOVE PROBABLY REFLECTS HIS VIEWS AS CONVEYED TO ANKARA AND MAY ALSO BE LINE HE RECEIVING FROM HIS GOVERNMENT.

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